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BY THE

*Master, Wardens and Assistants*

OF THE

# COMPANY

OF

# *FREE-FISHERMEN*

Of the River of *THAMES*,

# A DEPUTATION,

Given to for the Suppressing of Offenders within the Liberties of their *Charter*.

WITH

An Abstract of the Companies *By-Laws* and *Ordinances*, which (having been first Approved and Allowed of, under the several Hands and Seals of the Right-Honourable the Lords Keepers of the Great Seal of *England*, the Lord Chief-Justice of *England*, the Lord Chief-Justice of the Court of *Common-Pleas*, the Lord Chief-Baron of the *Exchequer*, the Judge of the High-Court of *Admiralty*; and also under the Seal of the Mayoralty of the City of *London*, by Order of the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, Pursuant to their Charter, and the Laws and Statutes of this Realm) were ordered to be Printed and Published to the end that all Persons concerned therein, might take care to avoid incurring the several Penalties for breach of the same, *&c.*

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# A DEPUTATION

*Given by the Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants of the Company of* Free-Fiſhermen *of the River of* Thames, *to*

*for the Suppreſſing of Offenders within the Liberties of their Charter.*

KNOW all Men by theſe Preſents, That We the Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants of the Company of *Free Fiſhermen* of the River of *Thames*, That is to ſay, from *London-Mark-Stone*, Weſtward of *Stayns-Bridge*, to *Yeandal*, alis *Yeanlet*; and the Waters of *Medway* in the Counties of *Kent*, *Eſſex*, *Middleſex*, and *Surry*, ſo far up the River *Medway*, till they meet with the Liberties of the City of *Rocheſter*; and all other Places from the *North-Foreland* in *Kent*, to *Harwich* in *Eſſex*; and all other Waters within the Precinct thereof, have by theſe Preſents, and do Depute, Authorize and Impower

when, and as often as He ſhall think fit (until ſuch time as the Authority and Power hereby given unto him, ſhall be by Us Revoked, or Countermanded) from

time to time, in Lawful manner, to enter into any Boat or Veſſel belonging to any Perſon or Perſons, being *Fiſher-men*, or *Drudger-men*, uſing the Art or Craft of *Fiſhing*, or *Drudging* in any Rivers, Creeks, or Places, within the limits aforeſaid, to view and ſearch for Unſizable and Unlawful Nets and Engines, or for any Fiſh that ſhall be taken killed or deſtroyed. And all ſuch Brood and Spatt of Oyſters, or ſuch Oyſters as are unſizable and unmarketable Ware, as ſhall be Drudged and taken contrary to the Laws and Statutes of this Kingdom, or contrary to the Laws and Ordinances of the ſaid Company, and the ſame to diſpoſe of as the following *By-Laws* doth direct.

AND alſo to ſearch for all ſuch Perſons as uſe the Art or Miſtery of *Fiſhing*, and are not Free of the ſaid Company; and ſhall Fiſh with unlawful Nets, or in any unlawful Manner, or ſhall do any unfitting Act, to the prejudice or deſtruction of the Brood and Fry of Fiſh, or the Brood and Spatt of Oyſters, within the ſaid Rivers and Waters; and to Report the Names of ſuch Perſon or Perſons who, upon ſearch, he ſhall find to have Offended, contrary to the ſaid Laws, unto the Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Company, from time to time, as they ſhall be Aſſembled in any Court of Aſſiſtants, in order to be reproved, and dealt with according to

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the *By-Laws* and *Ordinances* of the ſaid Company, or otherwiſe proceeded againſt according to Law; And the Fiſh ſo taken and killed, to give to the Poor, but if alive, to be thrown into the ſaid Rivers again. And generally to do and perform all and every ſuch Lawful act and acts, thing and things whatſoever, wich, in and about the premiſſes, ſhall be needful or requiſite.

AND the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Commonalty, do hereby, for themſelves and their Succeſſors, Covenant, Promiſe, and Grant to, and with his Executors and Adminiſtrators, to ſave harmleſs and indemnifie the ſaid in all Lawful acts and things; And from all Suits and Coſts, Charges and Damages that may ariſe or be proſecuted againſt him, for or by reaſon of any act or thing which he ſhall Lawfully do, or cauſe to be done, in execution of the ſaid Premiſſes. *In Witneſs whereof*, the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants have cauſed their common Seal to be hereunto affixed, the Day of *Anno Dom.* 169 And in the Ninth Year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord, WILLIAM the Third, by the Grace of GOD, of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland* King, Defender of the Faith, *&c.*

*At a Court of Assistants of the Company of* Free-Fishermen *of the River of* Thames, &c. *held the 29th Day of* July, 1697. *The following* By-Laws *and* Ordinances *(being first Approved and Allowed of under the several Hands and Seals of the Right Honourable the Lords Keepers of the Great Seal of* England, *the Lord Chief-Justice of* England, *the Lord Chief-Justices of His Majesties Court of* Common-Pleas, *the Lord Chief-Baron of the* Exchequer, *the Judge of the High Court of* Admiralty; *and also under the Seal of the Mayoralty of the City of* London, *by Order of the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, persuant to their Charter, and the Laws and Statutes of this Realm) were Ordered to be Printed and Published, to the end that all Persons concerned therein, might take care to avoid incurring the several Penalties for breach of the same; And to be Observed in the* Western *parts of the River of* Thames, *that is to say, from* London-Mark-Stone, *Westwards of* Stains-Bridge, *to* London-Bridge.

1. IMPRIMIS, To the end all Unlawful Nets and Engines, and other Abuses offered to the Prejudice and Destruction of the *Fishery*, may be Discovered, it is Ordained,

Ordained, That no Perſon uſing the Miſtery or Craft of a *Fiſherman*, do Shute, Set, or Draw any Draw-Net, at any time of the Year, before Sun-riſing, or after Sun-ſeting, within the Bounds and Limits aforeſaid, upon Penalty of *Ten Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

2. *Item.* That no Perſon uſing the Art, Miſtery, or Craft of a Fiſherman, ſhall, within the ſaid Bounds or Limits, ſtill lye, or bend over any Net, during the time of Flood, whereby both *Salmons*, and other kind of Fiſh, may be hindred or kept back from Swimming upwards, to the Benefit and Profit of ſuch *Fiſhermen* as dwell in the Weſt part of the ſaid River, upon Penalty of *Ten Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

3. *Item*, That no ſuch Perſon ſhall ſhute, or place, within the ſaid Bounds or Limits, any Draw-Net, Cod-Net, or other Net or Engine, whereby any *Salmon* ſhall be taken after *Holy-Rood-Day* is paſt, being the 14th Day of *September*, and before St. *Paul*'s-Day, being the 25th Day of *January*, becauſe at that time they are out of Seaſon, and remain here upon the Rivers only to Spawn and Breed, upon the Penalty of *Ten Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

4. *Item*,

4. *Item*, That no ſuch Perſon uſing the Art, Miſtery, or Craft of a Fiſherman, ſhall, within the ſaid Bounds or Limits, Fiſh with any Net, or lay or hale any Wheele, or uſe or lay any other Net or Engine whatſoever, from Sun-ſetting on *Saturday Night*, until Sun-riſing on *Monday Morning*, at any time of the Year, it being a Prophanation of the *Lords Day*, upon the Penalty of *Twenty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

5. *Item*, That no Perſon uſing the Art, Miſtery, or Craft of a Fiſherman, ſhall, within the ſaid Bounds or Limits, at any times hereafter, Ship their Draw-Nets, called, *Shipping a Starn into their Boats*, before ſuch time as they have laid forth all their whole Net, as they do when they Land towards a Low-Water; nor ſhall they Ship ſome part of their ſaid Net, and Land the reſt, upon the like Forfeiture and Payment of *Ten Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

6. *Item*, That no Perſon uſing the Art, Miſtery, or Craft of a Fiſherman, ſhall, within the ſaid Bounds or Limits, uſe any Spear, called, *An Eel-Spear*, at any time, for that they are great deſtroyers of *Barbell*, and other kinds of Fiſh; nor ſhall work any Blay-Net, or Rugg-Net, upon the ſaid Water, *Weſtwards*, from

from the 10th Day of *March*, until the 10th Day of *May*, Yearly, from *Brandford* upwards; nor carry *Smelt-Net*, until *Holy-Rood-Day* be paſt, upon the Forfeiture of *Twenty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

7. *Item*, That no Perſon uſing the Art, Miſtery, or Craft of a *Fiſherman*, ſhall, within the ſaid Bounds or Limits, at any time of the Year, uſe or exerciſe any Flue, Trammel, or Double-Walled-Net, or Hooped-Net whatſoever, not being Three Inches and a Quarter broad, at the leaſt, in the *Meiſh*, for that they are not only the utter deſtruction of all Breeding *Barbells*, but alſo a great ſpoile and hurt to other ſorts of the Young Brood, Spawn, and Fry of *Fiſh*, being with thoſe kind of Nets greatly Deſtroyed, upon the Forfeiture of *Forty Sillings* for every ſuch Offence.

8. *Item*, That no Perſon uſing the Art, Miſtery, or Craft of a *Fiſherman*, ſhall, within the ſaid Bounds or Limits, lay, ſet, or place any Wheels, called *Kills*, in any place of the River of *Thames*, from the 10th of *March*, until the 10th of *May*, Yearly, for that all *Roaches* do then Shed their Spawn, upon the like Forfeiture and Payment of *Twenty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

9. *Item*,

9. *Item*, That no Perſon uſing the Art, Miſtery, or Craft of a *Fiſherman*, ſhall uſe, within the ſaid River of *Thames*, any Wheel, called, *a Lomb*, or *Mill-pot*, or any other Engine, with the Head thereof againſt the Stream, upon pain of Forfeiture of *Twenty Shillings*; nor ſhall uſe, exerciſe, or occupy, upon the ſaid River of *Thames*, any Net, called *a Purſe-Net*, otherwiſe, *a Caſting-Net*, upon the like Forfeiture and Penalty of *Forty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

10. *Item*, That no Perſon uſing the Art, Miſtery, or Craft of a *Fiſherman*, ſhall, within the ſaid Bounds or Limits, be ſuffered to Rugg for *Flounders* either Ebb or by Flood, at any time of the Year, unleſs their Rugg-Nets be full Two Inches and Three Quarters broad in the *Meiſh*, for the ſafeguard of the Fry, Spawn, and Brood of *Fiſh*; and that no *Flounders* ſhall be taken or killed by any ſuch Perſon, under the Aſſize of Six Inches in the Length, from White to White (being the ſubſtance of the Body, excluding the Tailes:) And that no ſuch Perſon ſhall, within the ſaid Bounds or Limits, Fleet with any *Blay-Net*, not being two Inches broad in the *Meiſh*, wet and dry, from the 24th of *September*, till the 10th of *March*, in every Year, upon the like Forfeiture and Payment of *Forty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

11. *Item*,

11. *Item*, That no Perſon uſing the Art, Miſtery, or Craft of a *Fiſherman*, ſhall, within the ſaid Bounds, *Fiſh* with any kind of Net, or uſe any Angle-Rod with more than two Hooks upon a Line, or Saw or Scratch for *Barbell*; nor ſhall uſe any other Engine nearer unto *London-Bridge*, than St. *Botolph's-Wharf* and the *Bridge-Houſe-Wharf*, on the *Eaſt* ſide; or nearer unto the *Weſt* ſide, than St. *Mary-Overy-Staires* and the *Old Swan*, upon Forfeiture of *Six Shillings* and *Eight Pence* for every ſuch Offence, to the *Company*; and alſo *Six Shillings* and *Eight Pence* to the *Chamber of London*, for every ſuch Offence; as hath been anciently Accuſtomed within the ſaid *City*.

12. *Item*, That no *Peter-man* ſhall, at any time hereafter, *Fiſh*, or *Work* with any manner of *Smelt-Nets*, upon the ſaid River of *Thames*, Weſtward, further than *Richmond*-Crane, (unto which Place, or near thereabouts, the Water Ebbeth and Floweth) for that the *Fiſhing* beyond that Place, hath cauſed a great deſtruction of *Fiſh*, upon pain of Forfeiting *Twenty Shillings* for every time that he, or they, ſhall ſo Offend.

13. *Item*, That no *Peter-man* ſhall hereafter, at any time of the Year, take the Tides, nor

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Pouſe upon the whole River of *Thames*, it having been found very prejudicial both to the *River* and *Fiſhermen*, and nothing available towards the furniſhing of any Markets, upon Forfeiture of *Forty Shillings* by every Perſon that ſhall commit ſuch Offence.

14. *Item*, That no *Peter-man*, or Perſon uſing the Art, Miſtery, or Craft of a *Fiſherman*, ſhall take any ſort of *Fiſh* which are uſually call'd *Kettle-Fiſh*, not being Six Inches of Aſſize, upon Forfeiture of *Ten Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

15. *Item*, That whereas many Inconveniencies have heretofore ariſen to the River of *Thames*, by divers *Fiſhermen* keeping of Boys, who were not ſufficient to take the charge of *Fiſhing*; therefore, from henceforth, it ſhall not be Lawful for any *Fiſherman* to keep two Perſons in one Boat, unleſs one of them be of Mans Eſtate, or be thought ſufficient to take the charge of *Fſhing*, or that one of them be an Owner, upon Forfeiture of *Twenty Shillings* for every Week he or they ſhall Offend herein.

16. *Item*, That no Net under the Aſſize of two Inches and half, ſhall be worked, or wrought by any Perſon uſing the Art, Miſtery, or Craft of a *Fiſherman*, at any time of the

the Year, above *Richmond*-Crane, upon the River of *Thames*, by reaſon it is very prejudicial and deſtructive to the Fry and Spawn of *Fiſh*, there being no Seaſon of *Smelts* above that Place; nor ſhall uſe any Net, in that work, called, *Beating of the Buſh, Flag, or Reed*, which ſhall be of a leſs Aſſize than three Inches in the *Meiſh*; nor ſhall uſe any Weights or Stones to their Nets, upon Forfeiture of *Forty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

17. *Item*, That no *Pike-Net*, or other Net or Engine, ſhall be wrought or drawn over the Weeds, for catching of *Pikes*, by any Perſon uſing the Art, Miſtery, or Craft of a *Fiſherman*, within the ſaid Bounds and Limits, by reaſon it is deſtructive to, and occaſioneth the driving off all other *Fiſh* out of the *Weſtern* Rivers, which otherwiſe would lie and Breed and Spawn in the ſaid Weeds, upon the like Penalty and Forfeiture of *Twenty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

18. *Item*, That no Perſon uſing the Art, Miſtery, or Craft of a *Fiſherman*, ſhall, at any time, within the ſaid Bounds and Limits, bend any Net by Anchors, or otherwiſe thwart the Channel, and ſo as to draw another Net into it, whereby the Spawn of *Barbell*, and other *Fiſh*, may be Deſtroyed, upon the

the Forfeiture of *Forty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

19. *Item*, That no Wheel, called, *a Kill, or Spoort*, or any other Engine, be laid, ſet, or placed in any Lane or Channel, Stop or Gulle, from the *Lime-kills* below *Brandford*, upon the River of *Thames*, to *London-Mark-Stone*, above *Stains-Bridge*, by any Perſon uſing the Art, Miſtery, or Craft of a *Fiſherman*, from the 10th of *March*, to the 10th of *May*, by reaſon it is very deſtructive to the Fry and Spawn of *Roaches*, *Barbells* and *Gudgeons*, and other *Fiſh* Spawning at that time, upon the Penalty and Forfeiture of *Twenty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

20. *Item*, That no ſuch Perſon ſhall lay, ſet, or place any manner of Wheel with the Head againſt the Stream, within the ſaid Bounds and Limits of the ſaid River of *Thames*, at any time of the Year, by reaſon it is very deſtructive to the Fry and Spawn of *Fiſh*, upon the Forfeiture of *Twenty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

21. *Item*, That no ſuch Perſon ſhall Draw, Work, or Land any Net for *Salmon*, of a leſſer ſize than three Inches in the *Meiſh*, from the 10th of *March*, until the 14th of *September*, in any

any part of the River of *Thames*, from *Kew-Pile* Weſtward, to the City of *London-Mark-Stone*, above *Staines-Bridge*, upon Forfeiture of *Forty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

22. *Item*, That no ſuch Perſon uſing the Art, Miſtery, or Craft of a *Fiſherman*, ſhall uſe any Draw-Net, or Draw one Net before another, or Land any Net under ſix Inches in the *Meiſh*, and two Yards in the *Cod*, (the *Meiſh* whereof to be two Inches and a half at leaſt, in any part of the River Weſtwards from *London-Bridge*) upon the Forfeiture of *Forty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

23. *Item*, That no Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, ſhall, at any time or times hereafter, upon any ſeaſon or ſeaſons whatſoever, go out to Fiſh for *Smelts*, *Shads*, or any other Fiſh whatſoever, or lay Leaps or Rods for *Eels*, in any place whatſoever, from *London-Mark-Stone*, Weſtwards of *Staines-Bridge*, to *London-Bridge* Eaſtwards, without Leave and a Licenſe firſt had and obtained for ſuch their goings-forth, in ſuch manner as is herein after particularly Mentioned and Provided.

24. *Item*, It is further Ordained, That the Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Company, ſhall, ſome time before every proper

per Seaſon, in every Year, for the *Fiſhermen* going out to Fiſh, Aſſemble themſelves together at their *Common-Hall*, or uſual Place of Meeting, whereunto the *Water-Bailiff* of the City of *London*, ſhall be, from time to time, Summoned to be preſent, then and there to Conſult; and by and with the Approbation of the *Water-Bailiff* for the time being, from time to time to Limit and Appoint the proper and reſpective Times and Seaſons for the ſaid *Fiſhermens* going forth to Fiſh: And that upon every ſuch occaſion, all and every of the ſaid *Fiſhermen* ſhall be Summoned, and Repair to the *Common-Hall*, or uſual Place of Meeting of the ſaid Company, there to receive and take their ſeveral and reſpective Licenſes for ſuch their going forth; and to hear the Ordinances for the preſervation of the *Fiſhery*, publickly and openly Read; and that none go out to Fiſh without ſuch a Grant. And that every ſuch Licenſe, ſo to be Granted as aforeſaid, ſhall be made joyntly; by the *Water-Bailiff* under his Hand and Seal, and of the *Cleark* of the ſaid *Company*, under their Common Seal. And that the *Water-Bailiff*, and his Succeſſors, ſhall have and receive for every ſuch Licenſe, the ſame Fees and Duties as have been cuſtomarily paid and Allowed to the *Water-Bailiff*, for every ſuch Licenſe. And that every *Fisherman* Offending herein

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ſhall Forfeit and Pay *Five Pounds* to the *Company*, and *Five Pounds* to the *Water-Bayliff*, for every ſuch Offence.

25. *Item*, That every *Fiſherman* upon the River of *Thames*, from *London-Bridge* to the City's *Mark-Stone*, above *Staines-Bridge*, do, according to the ancient cuſtom of the City of *London*, upon St. *Paul*'s-Day, in every Year, being the 25th Day of *January*, appear before the *Lord Mayor* of the City of *London*, or his Subſtitute, the *Water-Bayliff*, at the *Guild-Hall-Chappel*, by Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, there to Enter their ſeveral Names into the Regiſter-Book, kept for that purpoſe: And further, To hear the Orders and Inſtitutions, Ordained for the Preſervation of the ſaid River, to be openly, and publickly Read, to the intent they may the better Perform the ſame, on pain of *Six Shillings and Eight Pence*, to be Forfeited and Paid into the *Chamber*, for every Default, as hath been Accuſtomed. And alſo, That all *Fiſhermen* whatſoever, within the limits of the Companies Charter, do Appear, Yearly, on St. *Peter*'s-Day, being the 29th day of *June*, or the next Court-Day following, at the Hall, or other Place of meeting, before the Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Company, there to hear the Companies Rules and Ordinances Read, in order to their better

Obſervation thereof, on pain of Forfeiting *Ten Shillings* to the uſe of the ſaid Company. And if any *Fiſherman*, or other Perſon whatſoever, either above, or below *London-Bridge*, ſhall Contemptuouſly, or Stubbornly, reſiſt the *Water-Bayliff* for the time being, (being Sub-conſervator, under the *Lord Mayor*, of the River of *Thames*) in the due performance or Execution of his Office, all Members of this Company ſhall Aſſiſt the ſaid *Water-Bayliff*, to bring the Offenders before the *Lord Mayor*, to be dealt with and puniſhed according to their demerits. Alſo, That no *Fiſherman* ſhall Fiſh for *Salmons*, upon the River of *Thames*, Weſtward of *London-Bridge*, without Licenſe of the *Lord Mayor* of *London*; and within ſuch places only, called *Salmon-Rooms*, or have been, or ſhall be appointed for that purpoſe, according to the Ancient Cuſtom and Practice in that behalf.

26. *Item*, For the better prevention of uſing unlawful Craft, by Fiſhing with unlawful Nets and Engines: It is further Ordained, That the Maſter, and the Wardens, and the Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Company, or ſuch of them, or ſuch other Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be thereunto Authorized, from time to time, and at all times, may, and do, quietly, and peaceably, enter into any Boat or Boats, Veſſel or Veſſels, be-

belonging to any Perſon or Perſons, uſing the Art or Craft of Fiſhing, in any Water, or Waters, within the Bounds or Limits of the ſaid Charter, to View, and Search for all unſizable and unlawful Nets and Engines, and for any Fiſh which they ſhall ſuſpect to be Taken, Killed, or Deſtroyed, contrary to the Laws and Statutes of this Kingdom; and the ſame unlawful Nets and Engines to ſeize, take away, and bring to the Common Hall of the ſaid Company; and the Fiſh ſo taken and deſtroyed, contrary to the ſaid Laws, to diſtribute amongſt the Poor. And that every Member of the ſaid Company who ſhall reſiſt, or diſturb the ſaid Maſter, or the Wardens and Aſſiſtants, or any, or either of them, or their Deputies, thereunto Authorized as aforeſaid, in the Execution of their Lawful Office or Imployment, of Searching for, and Seizing unlawful Nets, or Fiſh, as aforeſaid, ſhall Forfeit and Pay, to the Uſe of the ſaid Company, *Twenty Marks*, of Lawful Money of *England*, for every ſuch Offence.

27. AND it is further Ordained, That no Member of the ſaid Company ſhall (by any Colour or Device) directly or indirectly retain, employ, or ſet to work, any other Mans Apprentice or Apprentices, otherwiſe than to work for Wages for the ſupport of the ſaid

Master or Dame of such Apprentice, unless he shall be first Assigned, and Turned-over, by and with the consent and approbation of the Master or Dame of such Apprentice, and of the next Relation or Friend of such Apprentice; nor shall entice away any other Persons (being a Member of the said Company) his Apprentice or Journey-man, on pain of Forfeiting *Ten Pounds*.

28. *Item*, For the more easie finding out of Offenders, their Names, and Places of abode; it is further Ordered, That every Person who shall Fish with a Boat, within any of the said Limits, after the 25th Day of *December* next, shall have on his Boat both his Christian and Sirname; and also the name of the Parish in which he dwelleth, legibly Painted in some convenient place, where any one may See and Read the same, on Forfeiture of *Twenty Shillings* for every time he shall act contrary hereunto.

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# At a Court of Assistants

*Of the* Company *of* Free-Fishermen *of the River of* Thames, &c. *Held the 29th Day of* July, 1697. *The following* By-Laws *and* Ordinances *(being first Approved and Allowed of, under the several Hands and Seals of the Right Honourable the Lords Keepers of the Great Seal of* England, *the Lord Chief Justice of* England, *the Lord Chief Justice of His Majesties Court of* Common-Pleas, *the Lord Chief Baron of the* Exchequer, *the Judge of the High-Court of* Admiralty; *and also under the Seal of the Mayoralty of the City of* London, *by Order of the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, pursuant to their Charter, and the Laws and Statutes of this Realm) were Ordered to be Printed and Published, to the end, that all Persons con-*

*cerned therein, might take care to avoid incurring the ſeveral Penalties for breach of the ſame. And to be Obſerved by all the* Fiſher-men, *and* Drudger-men *below* London-Bridge, *(that is to ſay) from* London-Bridge *to* Yeandal, *alias* Yeanlet; *and the Waters of* Medway, *in the Counties of* Kent, Eſſex, Middleſex *and* Surrey, *ſo far up the River of* Medway, *till they meet with the Liberties of the City of* Rocheſter; *and all other Places, from the* North-Fore-Land *in* Kent, *to* Harwich *in* Eſſex; *and all other Waters within the Precinct thereof.*

1. IMPRIMIS, That no Perſon uſing the Art, Miſtery, or Craft of a *Fiſherman*, ſhall, below *London-Bridge*, in any of the Waters in *Kent*, *Eſſex*, *Middleſex* and *Surrey*, to the Liberties of *Rocheſter*; and between the *North-Fore-Land* in the ſaid County of *Kent*, and *Harwich* in the County of *Eſſex*, Uſe, or Practice *Trincking*, *Stowboating*, *Trawling*, or *Catching* of Fiſh, or *Bait*, on the *Lords-Day*, commonly call'd *Sunday*, upon Forfeiture of *Twenty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

2. *Item*, That no ſuch Perſon ſhall, within the ſaid Bounds or Limits, Uſe, or Imploy any *Trawle-Net* that ſhall not be three Inches at the Head, and two Inches and an half at the Cod; and that all ſuch Nets, of ſuch Perſons, that are

are already made, ſhall be taken off at Threeſcore, and knit down to two Inches and an half, upon pain of Forfeiting the Sum of *Ten Pounds*: And no ſuch Perſons ſhall, hence-forwards, begin to Fiſh, or work upon any *Trayle*, before the 14th Day of *September*, Yearly, upon the Forfeiture of *Thirty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

3. *Item*, That no ſuch Perſon, uſing any Seaſon in Buying and Selling of Fiſh, ſhall put out his Flag before he hath Bought, upon Forforfeiture of *Five Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

4. *Item*, That no Net ſhall be drawn, by any ſuch Perſon, between two Boats, within the Bounds and Limits aforeſaid, upon Forfeiture of *Twenty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

5. *Item*, That no *Trincke* ſhall ſtand for *Smelts*, within the Bounds and Limits aforeſaid, between *Good-Friday*, and the One and Twentieth day of *October*, Yearly; and that no ſuch Perſon ſhall uſe any manner of Net for *Smelts*, which ſhall not be full two Inches in the Forepart, and one Inch and an half in the Second part, and in the Third part (which is the *Hoſe* or *Cod*) Inch and Quarter, Wet and Dry; and the *Hoſe* not to exceed Eleven Foot in Length, and in Compaſs Sixty *Meiſhes*, and

not above; and five *Hoops*, placed a Foot and a half a ſunder, in the *Cod*, the laſt *Hoop* to be placed within two Foot of the Ends of the *Cod*, and each *Hoop* to be a Foot and a Half over every way, upright, within the *Hoop*, and not otherwiſe, upon Forfeitute of *Ten Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

6. *Item*, That no *Trincke*, of any ſuch Perſon, ſhall ſtand within the Bounds and Limits aforeſaid, to *Fiſh* for *Smelts*, any longer than from *Monday* Morning, until *Friday* Night, Weekly, unleſs it ſhall be in *Lent-time*, and then to ſtand every Day, except the *Lords-Day*, upon Forfeiture of *Forty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

7. *Item*, That no *Trincke* of any ſuch Perſon, ſhall ſtand in any *Birth*, or *Turn*, within the Bounds and Limits aforeſaid, more than is herein after allowed; but ſhall ſtand in ſuch ſeveral Places, and in ſuch Manner as hereafter followeth, upon forfeiture of *Twenty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence; (That is to ſay)

At *Black-Wall-Ferry* two a Breſt, a Front, and no more.
At *Leigh-Shelpe* two, and no more.
At *Woolwich-Shelpe* two, and no more.
At *Woolwich-Towne* five, and no more.

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At *Gallion*'s-*Naſſe* three, and no more.
At *Buſwards-Buſh* five, and no more.
At the *Eaſt* and *Weſt-End* of *Barking-ſhelpe* two, at each Place, and no more.
At *Daggenham-ſhelpe* ſix, and no more.
At *Careck* four, and no more.
At *Julian Tree Jobb* three, and no more.
At *Dartford Jobb* three, and no more.
At the *Bite* at *Eaſt-Naſſe* three, and no more.
At *Stakes-Fleet-Naſſe* alias *Stakes-End*, five, and no more.
At *Avely-Hold*, five, and no more.
At *Purfleet*, five, and no more.
At *Grayes Thorocke*, ſix, and no more.
At the two *Thoroughs* three, and no more.
And every *Trincke* to keep his true *Couplement*; and to ſtand no more at a *Birth*.

8. *Item*, That no *Trincke* of any ſuch Perſon, ſhall ſtand to Fiſh for *Whitings*, within the Bounds and Limits aforeſaid, till *Ember-Week* before *Michaelmaſs*, Yearly; and ſhall come no higher than *Purfleet*: And that the *Hoſe* of the *Cod* of every one of their Nets, ſhall be full Inch and a half. And every ſuch Perſon ſhall upon *Saturday* at the Sun-riſing, at the furtheſt, Waſh off his Net, Hale up, and not return to his Labour till *Monday* Morning Day-light, upon forfeiture of *Twenty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

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9. *Item*, That no *Trincke* ſhall ſtand to Fiſh before any *Breach-mouth*, at the riſing or ſinking of any *Mother-Fiſhes*, or in the time of Spawn, or Brood of *Fiſh*: And that every *Trincke* ſhall, at all Times and Seaſons, take up, and carry away his Anchors, at the time of his leaving of from *Fiſhing*; and not leave his ſaid Anchor behind him, to keep his *Birth*, upon forfeiture of *Ten Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

10. *Item*, That every ſuch Perſon, Owner of ſuch *Trincke*, ſhall, within the Bounds and Limits aforeſaid, in every Dark and Foggy-Night, hang forth, out of his ſaid *Trincke-Boat*, One Lanthorn with a ſufficient Candle-Light, for the better, and ſafer paſſage of Ships, Boats, and Veſſels, paſſing to and fro within the Bounds and Limits aforeſaid, upon Forfeiture of *Twenty Shillings* for every ſuch Omiſſion thereof. And that every *Trincke-Cable*, of every ſuch Perſon, uſed within the Bounds or Limits aforeſaid, ſhall be no more than Twenty Five *Fathom* Long, at the moſt; or any of their *Hen-built*, above Twenty Five *Fathom*. And likewiſe ſhall have a *Warp* of Sixty *Fathom*, and no more, to Shear off, and give way, if any Ship, Crayer, or other Veſſel, ſhall chance

chance to drive upon them, within the Bounds and Limits aforesaid, upon the like forfeiture of *Twenty Shillings* for every such Offence. Also, That no *Trincke* shall be Worked, without a License first obtained from the Lord Mayor, or Water-Bayliff, in the manner Anciently Accustomed; and that all *Trincke-men* shall, Yearly, at the *Guild-Hall-Chappel*, present themselves before the Lord Mayor, or Water-Bayliff, as hath been Accustomed.

11. *Item*, That no such Person, being a *Hebber-man*, shall, within the Bounds or Limits aforesaid, Fish for *Smelts*, between *Good-Friday*, and the 24th Day of *August*, Yearly; and that no such *Hebber-man* shall Fish in any *Haven*, *Creak*, *Breach*, or *Issue*, within the Bounds or Limits aforesaid, with any Net of lesser Assize than two Inches and three quarters in the *Meish*, for *Flounders*, from the Feast of *Easter*, until the 24th of *August*, Yearly; and until he shall have received Leave, and a License for his going forth, in such manner as is herein after mentioned and provided for: And that the *Meish* of their said *Smelt-Nets*, be one full Inch, wet and dry, and not otherwise, upon forfeiture of *Forty Shillings* for every such Offence.

12. *Item*, That every *Hebber-Net*, of every such

ſuch Perſon, ſhall be without *Hoſe*; and that every ſuch *Hebber-man* ſhall, within the Bounds and Limits aforeſaid, Fiſh by the Shore, and pitch their Pole at half Ebb, and ſhall have but Fifty *Fathom* Rope allowed for the pitch of their Pole in the River. And that no *Hebber-man* ſhall lye a floating, or flatting for *Smelts*, or other *Fiſh*, between two Anchors, in the midſt of the Stream, in the Bounds or Limits aforeſaid; nor ſhall have any kind of Weight of Lead, Iron, Stone, Barrel, Firkin, Kinderkin, Cask, or with any Wherry, or other device; nor ſhall *Fiſh* from *Good-Friday*, until *Bartholomew-tide*, Yearly, betwixt *London-Bridge* and *Graves-End*, with any Net under two Inches and an half, except with a *Wade-Net* for *Bait* only. And that *Bobs* ſhall be *Baited* by them either with *Plaice* or *Flounders*; and that no ſuch Perſon ſhall uſe above four *Bobs*, upon forfeiture of *Twenty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

13. *Item*, That no ſuch *Hebber-man* ſhall Work any higher, within the Bounds and Limits aforeſaid, for *Whitings*, than *Dartford-Creeke*, nor ſhall work there with any manner of Nets, for *Whitings*, of leſſer ſize than full Inch and half, wet and dry; nor ſhall go forth, to take any *Whitings*, Yearly, untill they ſhall be Licenſed, in ſuch manner as is herein after particularly

particularly mentioned and provided for, upon the ſeveral forfeitures of *Twenty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence, and neglect of Appearance.

14. *Item*, That no ſuch Perſon, *Trawler*, ſhall *Fiſh*, within the Bounds and Limits aforeſaid, above *Hall-Haven*, on the *North* ſide, and *Horſing*, on the *South* ſide, till a Fortnight after *Michaelmaſs*, Yearly; and ſhall not uſe any Nets for *Soales*, all the Summer, under two Inches and a half in the *Cod* (which *Cod* ſhall be two Yards long, and no more, and the reſt of the Net to be three Inches in the *Meiſh*, at leaſt; and that no ſuch *Trawler* ſhall Work in *Tilbury-Hope* after *Michaelmaſs*, with any manner of Net under three Inches, for *Plaice*, all the Net over; and that no ſuch Trawler ſhall come upon any Trayle, within the Bounds and Limits aforeſaid, with any other Net, at any time of the Year, upon forfeiture of Twenty Shillings for every ſuch Offence.

15. *Item*, That no Perſon uſing the Art, Miſtery, or Craft of a *Fiſherman*, ſhall Pitch, Set, or Erect any *Riff-Hedge*, or *Half-Net*, upon Stakes, or otherwiſe, within the *Full-Sea*, or *Low-Water*, in any Place or Places, within the Bounds and Limits aforeſaid, being an Engine that will utterly deſtroy ſmall *Fiſh*, upon forfeiture of *five Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

16. *Item*,

16. *Item*, That every ſuch *Trawler*, ſhall not go forth to *Fiſh*, until he ſhall be Licenſed for his ſaid going forth, in ſuch manner as is herein after particularly mentioned and provided for, upon forfeiture of Twenty Shillings for every ſuch Offence.

17. *Item*, That no ſuch Perſon, being a *Trawler*, who now doth, or at any time hereafter ſhall, uſe to Trawle, in order to take *Soales*, *Chate*, *Plaice*, or *Thornback*, ſhall take, or bring any ſuch *Fiſh* to any Market, or to any Countrey Towne to Sell, unleſs every ſuch *Soale*, *Chate*, *Plaice*, and *Thornback*, ſhall be at leaſt ſeven Inches in Length, with the Head and Tail, upon forfeiture of Ten Shillings for every ſuch Offence.

18. *Item*, That no ſuch Perſon, being a *Dragger-man*, uſing to Dragg for *Shrimps*, ſhall go forth to *Fiſh* till the firſt Day of *November*, Yearly; and ſhall continue until *Good-Friday*, and no longer; nor ſhall uſe any ſuch Dragg, at any time of the Year, above *Magget-Naſſe*, on the *South* ſide, and *Stakey-break-Creek*, on the *North* ſide, and not otherwiſe: And that no ſuch *Dragger-man* ſhall go forth to *Fiſh*, before he hath received Leave and Licenſe, in ſuch manner as is herein after particularly mentioned

tioned and provided for, upon forfeiture of Twenty Shillings for every ſuch Offence.

19. *Item*, That all Perſons uſing the Art, Miſtery, or Craft of a *Fiſherman*, that uſe to take *Shadds*, in *Shadding-time*, ſhall obſerve and keep their true Orders, of Shooting a Droves-length off from one another: And that none of the ſaid *Shadders*, ſhall go forth to Fiſh, within the Bounds and Limits aforeſaid, until he, or they, ſhall have received Leave and Licenſe, in ſuch manner as is herein after particularly mentioned and provided for, upon forfeiture of Twenty Shillings for every ſuch Offence.

20. *Item*, That no ſuch Perſon uſing the Art, Craft, or Miſtery of a *Fiſherman*, ſhall lay down, in the River of *Thames*, *Eaſtward* from *London-Bridge*, within the Bounds and Limits aforeſaid, any *Smelt-Leaps*, from *Good-Friday*, unto St. *Paul*'s-Day, Yearly: Nor ſhall Lay, Set, or Place there, any more than only one *Wand* of Eighteen, and no more; and ſhall not lay them down until they be firſt Licenſed thereunto, in ſuch manner as is herein after particularly mentioned and provided for, upon the ſeveral forfeitures of Twenty Shillings for every ſuch Offence.

21. *Item*, That no ſuch Perſon ſhall Lay, Set,

Set, or Place, therein the ſaid River of *Thames*, any *Eel-Leaps*, from *Michaelmaſs*, until fourteen Days after *Eaſter*-Day, Yearly: Nor ſhall lay, ſet, or place any more, or greater quantities, than only two Dozen, and no more: Nor ſhall lay any of the ſaid *Eel-Leaps*, until they be firſt Licenſed thereunto, in ſuch manner as is hereafter particularly mentioned and provided for, and not otherwiſe, upon forfeiture of *Forty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

22. *Item*, That no ſuch Perſon ſhall *Band*, or uſe the Trade of *Banding*, within the Limits aforeſaid, at any time of the Year, except between the firſt Day of *November*, and the firſt Day of *March*, Yearly: Nor ſhall uſe any more than twelve *Bands* at a time, nor above one Hundred *Hooks* upon each *Band*: Nor ſhall lay down, within the Bounds aforeſaid, any more, or other *Bands*, in the mean time, whilſt thoſe Twelve *Bands* are Baited a freſh, upon forfeiture of Forty Shillings for every ſuch Offence.

23. *Item*, That no ſuch Perſon ſhall Catch, and Expoſe to Sale, within the Bounds or Limits of the Juriſdiction of the ſaid Company, or in any other Place or Places within the Bounds and Limits aforeſaid, any *Lobſters* that ſhall be of any leſs Size than Ten Inches *Whole-*

*Whole-Ware*, and Nine Inches *Half-Ware*, to be reckoned from the Snout, to the middle Feinn of the Tail, upon forfeiture of Twenty Shillings for every ſuch Offence.

24. *Item*, That no ſuch Perſon ſhall, within the Bounds and Limits aforeſaid, uſe any *Kettle-Nets* for *Plaice*, but what ſhall be Four Inches *Meiſh* in the *Arms*, and Three Inches and a half in the *Cod*: And that no *Summer*-Kettles ſhall be uſed there by any Perſon, upon forfeiture of *Forty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

25. *Item*, It is further ordained, That the Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Company, ſhall ſometime before every proper ſeaſon in every Year, for the *Fiſhermen* going out to *Fiſh*, aſſemble themſelves together at their *Common-Hall*, or uſual place of Meeting; whereunto the Water-Bailiff of the City of *London*, ſhall be from time to time ſummoned to be preſent then and there to conſult, and by and with the Approbation of the Water-Bailiffs for the time being, from time to time to limit and appoint the proper and reſpect Times and Seaſons for the ſaid *Fiſhermen* going forth to *Fiſh*: And that upon every ſuch Occaſion, all and every the ſaid *Fiſhermen* ſhall be ſummoned, and repair to the *Common-Hall*, or uſual

place of Meeting of the ſaid Company, there to receive and take their ſeveral and reſpective Licenſes for ſuch their goings forth, and to hear the *Ordinances* for the Preſervation of the *Fiſhery*, publickly and openly read: And that none go out to Fiſh without ſuch a Grant: And that every ſuch Licenſe ſo to be granted as aforeſaid, ſhall be Printed in the form now uſed; and made jointly by the Water-Bailiff, under his Hand and Seal, and of the Clerk of the ſaid Company, under their Common Seal. And that the Water-Bailiff and his Succeſſors ſhall have and receive for every ſuch Licenſe, the ſame Fees and Duties as have been cuſtomarily paid and allowed to the Water-Bailiff for every ſuch Licenſe: And that ever *Fiſherman* offending herein, ſhall forfeit and pay *five Pounds* to the Water-Bailiff, and *Twenty Shillings* to the Company for every ſuch Offence.

26. *Item*, That if any Member or Members of the ſaid Company, ſhall Lade or Land any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, in or out of any Ship or Veſſel; or receive the ſame thence to Land, before the Cuſtom and Duties payable to his Majeſty for the ſame, ſhall be duly anſwered and ſatisfied to the Officers of the *Cuſtom-Houſe*, or any of them who ought to receive the ſame; or that ſhall not give notice thereof to the Cuſtomer or Officer, where

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the ſame ſhall be taken on Board or Landed ſhall forfeit to the Company 200 Marks of Lawful Money of *England*.

27. *Item*, That no ſuch Perſon or Perſons uſing the Art, Myſtery or Craft, of a *Fiſherman*, ſhall ſell or cauſe to be ſold in any place or places whatſoever; in *London*, *Middleſex*, *Surrey*, *Eſſex*, or *Kent*, within the Bounds and Limits of the ſaid Charter, any Fiſh or ſort or ſize of Fiſh which are prohibited, and ought not to be taken, killed, or deſtroyed, upon pain that ſuch Fiſh ſhall be ſeiz'd, and diſtributed to the Poor.

28. *Item*, For the more eaſie finding out of Offenders, their Names and Places of abode: It is further Ordered, That every perſon who ſhall Fiſh with a Boat within any of the ſaid Limits after the 25*th* day of *December* next, ſhall have on his Boat, both his Chriſtian and his Sir Name; and alſo the Name of the Pariſh in which he dwells, legibly painted in ſome convenient place, where any one may ſee and read the ſame, on forfeiture of *Twenty Shillings* for every time he ſhall Act contrary hereunto.

29. If any *Fiſherman*, or other Perſon whatſoever, below *London-Bridge*, within the Con-

ſervator-ſhip of the Lord-Mayor of the City of *London*, ſhall contemptuouſly or ſtubbornly reſiſt the Water-Bailiff for the time being (being ſub-conſervator, under the Lord Mayor, of the River of *Thames* and *Medway*) in the due performance or execution of his Office; all Members of this Company ſhall aſſiſt the ſaid Water Bailiff to bring the Offenders before the Lord Mayor, to be dealt with and puniſh'd accroding to their Demerits.

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*The following By-Laws are to be Obſerved, by all and every Perſon and Perſons, being Fiſhermen or Druger men, Uſing or Exerciſing the Employment of Drudging for Oyſters, within all or any the Waters, Rivers, Creeks, or Places, within the Bounds and Limits of the ſaid Charter herein already deſcribed.*

1. *Item*, THAT no Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, being *Fiſhermen*, uſing Drudging, belonging to the ſaid Oyſter Fiſhery, ſhall or may from the 20th Day of *July*, being St. *Margaret*'s Day, until the Fourteenth Day of *September*, alias *Holy-Rood-Day*, yearly, work or ketch

any manner of Ware, Brood, or Spat of Oysters, out of the River of *Burneham*, alias *Wallfleet*; nor shall at any time from *Holy-Rood-Day*, until *Easter-Day*, yearly, catch any other than Marketable Ware, for the better Preservation of the Brood and Spatt of Oysters, upon forfeiture of *five Pounds* for every such Offence.

2. *Item*, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, being *Fishermen* using Drudging, and belonging to the Oyster Fishery, shall at any time hereafter, from *Easter-Day* until the Twentieth Day of *July*, yearly, catch any other than Ware and half-Ware, in the said River of *Burneham*; to the end that Brood and Spatt may be preserved in the said River, upon forfeiture of *five Pounds* for every such Offence.

3. *Item*, That where any Encroachments have been made in the said River of *Burneham*, by any Person or Persons whatsoever; the stubbs (being the Marks of their layings) shall be removed to their former Bounds, by every Person so offending, within seven Days next after Publication or Notice of these Orders made to that purpose, upon forfeiture of *six Shillings* and eight Pence *per diem*, for every day that they shall stand unremoved after such Notice made as aforesaid.

4. *Item*,

4. *Item*, That no Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, being *Fiſhermen*, uſing Drudging, and belonging to the Oyſter Fiſhery, ſhall or may from the Twentieth Day of *July*, being St. *Margaret*'s-*day*, until *Eaſter-day*, yearly, catch any other than Marketable Ware in the River of *Pont* and *Laylinfleet*, for the Preſervation of Brood and Spatt of Oyſters, upon forfeiture of *Ten Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

5. *Item*, That where any Encroachments have been made in the ſaid River of *Pont* and *Laylinfleet* by any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever. The Stubbs (being the Marks of their Layings) ſhall be removed to their former Bounds by every Perſon ſo offending, within Seven Days next after Publication, or Notice of theſe Orders, made to that Purpoſe, upon forfeiture of *Six Shillings* and *Eight Pence per diem*, for every day they ſhall ſtand unremoved after ſuch Notice made as aforeſaid.

6. *Item*, That no Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, being *Fiſher men*, uſing Drudging, and belonging to the Oyſter Fiſhery, ſhall or may from the Fourteenth Day of *September*, alias *Holy-Rood-day*, until *Eaſter-day*, yearly; catch any other then Marketable Ware in

*Mazey-ſhoal*, *Mazey-fleet*, or *Peldon-fleet*, for the better Preſervation of the Brood, and Spatt of Oyſters, upon forfeiture of *Ten Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

7. *Item*, That where any Encroachments have been made in the ſaid Shols and Fleets, by any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever. The Stubs (being the Marks of their Layings) ſhall be removed to their former Bounds by every Perſon ſo offending, within Seven Days next after the Publication of theſe Orders made to that purpoſe, upon Forfeiture of Six Shillings and Eight Pence *per Diem*, for every day they ſhall ſtand unremoved after ſuch Notice made as aforeſaid.

8. *Item*, That no Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, being a *Fiſherman*, uſing Drudging, and belonging to the Oyſter Fiſhery, ſhall or may at any time of the Year catch any other than Ware and Half-Ware in the River *Coan*, *Pye-fleet*, *Braſs-fleet*, *Hand-fleet*, and *Manning-Tree-Water*, for the better Preſervation of the Brood and Spatt of Oyſters, upon forfeiture of *Ten Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

9. *Item*, That where any Encroachments have been made in the River *Coan*, *Pye-Fleet*, *Braſs-*

*Braſs-Fleet*, *Hand-Fleet*, and *Manning-Tree-Water* aforeſaid, by any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever. The Stubbs (being the Marks of their Layings) ſhall be removed to their former Bounds, by every Perſon ſo offending, within Seven Days next after Publication or Notice of theſe Orders made to that purpoſe, upon forfeiture of Six Shillings and Eight pence *per diem*, for every day they ſhall ſtand unremoved, after ſuch Notice as aforeſaid.

10. *Item*, That no Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, being *Fiſhermen*, and uſing Drudging, and belonging to the Oyſter Fiſhery, ſhall or may from *Lamas-day* until *Eaſter-day*, yearly, from the *Boy* in the *Nore*, in the *North foreland*, catch any other then Marketable Ware, for the preſervation of the Brood and Spatt of Oyſters, upon forfeiture of *forty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence.

11. *Item*, That no Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, being *Fiſhermen*, uſing Drudging, and belonging to the Oyſter Fiſhery, ſhall at any time of the Year, from *Rayſand-End* to *Harwich-Cliff*, Catch any other then Ware and Half-Ware, for the better Preſervation of the Brood and Spatt of Oyſters, upon forfeiture of *Ten Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

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12. *Item*, That no Perſon or Perſons being *Fiſhermen*, uſing Drudging, and belonging to the Oyſter Fiſhery, ſhall or may at any time of the Year catch any other then Ware and half Ware in *South-Fleet*, from *Black Naſs* up to *Stannet Creek*, in any of the ſaid Waters that have been formerly common, to the end that Brood and Spatt of Oyſters may be preſerved therein, upon forfeiture of *Ten Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

13. *Item*, That where any Encroachments have been made in any part of *South Fleet* aforeſaid from *Blacknaſs* up to *Stannet Creek*, by any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever; the ſtubbs (being the Marks of their Layings) ſhall be removed to their former Bounds, by every Perſon ſo offending, within Seven days next after Publication or Notice of theſe Orders, made to that purpoſe, upon forfeiture of ſix Shillings and eight pence *per diem*, for every day they ſhall ſtand unremoved after ſuch Notice made as aforeſaid.

14. *Item*, That no Perſon or Perſons whatſoever being *Fiſhermen*, uſing Druging, or belonging to the Oyſter Fiſhery, ſhall Work in any

any *River*, *Creek*, or *Fleet*, uſed for Layings, which doth not naturally Stock and Spatt it ſelf with Oyſters, until information ſhall be given to, and approved of, by the Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Company, Aſſembled in Court. That ſuch Rivers, Creeks, Grounds, or Places uſed for Layings, as aforeſaid, have been formerly, and by Antient Cuſtom uſed as common Ground; and by the natural Spatting, have been known to furniſh it ſelf with Oyſters, as above is mentioned, for the better preventing Suits in Law, which otherwiſe may happen to the Expence and Damage of the ſaid Company.

15. *Item*, That no *Fiſherman* uſing Drudging as aforeſaid, ſhall employ any Servants, or Hirelings, to catch and bring to Market any Oyſters or other Fiſh, except ſuch who ſhall have ſerved ſeven Years, or ſhall be a Freeman of the ſaid Company, or an Apprentice to the Fiſhing Trade, and proof thereof made to the Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Company, or ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as ſhall be Authorized and deputed by Writing under the Common Seal of the ſaid Company, for the Eaſe and Conveniency of ſuch as live from *London*, to take ſuch proof, upon penalty

ty of *Ten Pounds* for every ſuch Offence.

16. *Item*, For the better prevention of uſing unlawful Craft, by Fiſhing with unlawful Nets and Engines, It is further Ordained, That the Maſter, and Wardens, and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Company, or ſuch of them, or ſuch other Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be thereunto Authorized, from time to time, and at all times, may, and do, quietly and peaceably enter into any Boat or Boats, Veſſel or Veſſels, belonging to any Perſon or Perſons uſing the Art or Craft of Fiſhing, in any Water or Watters in the Counties of *Kent*, *Eſſex*, *Surrey* and *Middleſex*, from *London-Bridge*, up to the Liberties of the City of *Rocheſter* in *Kent*, and between the *North-fore-land* in *Kent*, to *Harwich* in the County of *Eſſex*, or any other the Waters within the Bounds of the ſaid Charter, to view and ſearch for all unſizeable and unlawful Nets and Engines, and for any Fiſh which they ſhall ſuſpect to be taken, killed, or deſtroyed, contrary to the Laws and Statues of this Kingdom: And alſo for Brood or Spatt of Oyſters, that ſhall be drudged or taken contrary to the ſaid Laws and Ordinances herein appointed; And the

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ſame unlawful Nets and Engines to ſeize, take, and bring to the Common Hall, or uſual place of Meeting of the ſaid Company, and the Fiſh, Brood, or Spatt taken, or deſtroyed, contrary to the ſaid Laws, diſtribute amongſt the poor. And that every Member of the ſaid Company, who ſhall reſiſt or diſturb the ſaid Maſter, or the Wardens and Aſſiſtants, or any, or to either of them, or their Deputies thereunto Authorized, as aforeſaid, in the Execution of their lawful Office or Imployment of ſearching for, and Seizing unlawful Nets, or Fiſh, Brood, and Spatt of Oyſters, as aforeſaid, ſhall forfeit, and pay, to the uſe of the ſaid Company, Twenty Marks of Lawful Money of *England*, for every ſuch Offence.

17. *And it is further Ordered*, That no Member of the ſaid Company, ſhall, by any Colour or Device, directly or indirectly, retain, or imploy, or ſet to Work, any other Man's Apprentice or Apprentices, otherwiſe than to Work for Wages, for the ſupport of the ſaid Maſter or Dame, unleſs he ſhall be firſt aſſigned or turned over, by and with the conſent and approbation of the Maſter or Dame of ſuch Apprentice,

Apprentice, and of the next Relation or Friend of such Apprentice; Nor shall intice away another Person (being a Member of the said Company) his Apprentice or Journey-man, upon pain of forfeiting *Ten Pounds*.

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